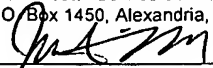


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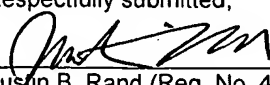
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
4,428,474	01/31/1984	Gau et al.
4,512,456	04/23/1985	Peyton
5,291,988	03/08/1994	Leonard
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WO 2005/030616 A3	04/07/2005	WIPO

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

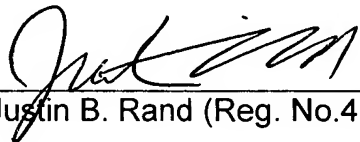
By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i), Swiss Patent No. 431377 appears to show a conveyor system similar to a star wheel system in Figure 1. This Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that the Swiss reference constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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	A5	431 377	08/31/1967	Switzerland		No
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